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**REMAINS OF AMERICAN MIAS FOUND IN NORTH KOREA**

Remains believed to be those of American soldiers missing in action from the Korean War have been recovered by two teams of U.S. specialists and will be repatriated to U.S. control at Yongsan Military Compound in Seoul on May 26.

A more precise number will be determined in follow-on forensic examinations. The repatriation marks the first this year from remains recovery operations in North Korea, and the beginning of the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for the mission in that country.

Since 1996, 33 joint operations have been conducted in North Korea, during which remains believed to be those of more than 220 soldiers have been recovered. Of the 88,000 U.S. servicemembers missing in action from all conflicts, more than 8,100 are from the Korean War.

The joint remains recovery work resulted from negotiations with North Korea led by the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office in November. The remains are to be repatriated overland across the demilitarized zone as was done for all of recovery operations in 2004.

Specialists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) comprised the 27-man U.S. element of the recovery teams. The first team operated near the Chosin Reservoir where the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division and the Army's 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division fought Chinese forces November-December 1950. Approximately 1,000 Americans are missing in action from battles of the Chosin campaign.

The second team recovered remains in Unsan County about 60 miles north of Pyongyang. This area was the site of battles between communist forces and the U.S. Army's 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry and 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry divisions in November 1950.

From Seoul, the remains will be flown to Hickam AFB, Hawaii, where the forensic identification process will take place in the JPAC laboratory.

For additional information about POW/MIA recoveries, visit <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo>, or call the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office at (703) 699-1169.

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